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## Letter from Mary M[errill] Graydon to John Muir, 1898 Jul 1.

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We have just received  
Kate's first let-  
ters from the Lo-  
tunes. She is wild  
as to her dreams &  
surroundings.  
Nature & Human-  
ity combine to  
make a Paradise.

What a shock the  
school racket  
will give her.

Cuban affairs are  
tame to the war  
that goes on all  
the year round  
in our school  
board. It is  
not politics that  
concerns us.

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15 1/2 Cent. Vol. Am  
July 1<sup>st</sup> '98

My dear Mr. Muir,  
Your last letter was  
but another of your  
kindnesses.

Thank you for  
this, & all other kind-  
nesses.

I am very sorry  
about the change  
for Kate. Mr. Muir  
has no party to it.  
Ten two yrs. She did  
not receive the salary  
she signed for.

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But these seemed to be mostly  
for it. Well, two many families  
in fact, I suppose she is much  
attached to you, & I cannot  
conceive. The child she  
there has been being <sup>very</sup> ill,  
& she was very much. But it  
is so far from home.  
When one has a daughter like  
Patsy, they should enjoy her  
often. How nice in, I agree.  
I think you for your interest  
in this matter of her & her  
education. & for the effort in  
writing the letter.

I think you too, you, I hope  
for the freedom. Kate feels  
going to your home.  
You could do her no great  
or kindness. I am all the  
way then to take her friends there,



<sup>c 62</sup>  
Mrs. Eliza grows thin  
er but is as domi-  
neering as ever.  
The rest of that fam-  
ily are well!

Now come & see  
us & stay long.  
Bring the little  
girls!

Again I thank  
you for your let-  
ter & for your  
friendship.

With best wishes  
for you & yours  
your friend

Mary M. Graydon

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I hear that you are  
coming, Earl, to  
see about the proba-  
lishing of your  
book. Remember  
your promise,  
that you would  
not come East  
without stopping  
at Indianapolis  
& don't you dare stop  
any where but  
with the Graydens.  
We live in the same  
house, where you  
have twice visited  
but the streets &  
numbers have  
all been changed,  
I trust.



Century Aug<sup>57</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> at. a  
15-14 Century are. Now  
but that on a coast.  
Telegraph from Chicago.  
How this treasury lived  
you were within. But here.  
Make us a great night  
mine.  
We are all well.  
No change in Janet. But  
no more. Fine words of  
pleasure in Charles's baby.  
John's hair is more like  
than the same relation.  
as a whole. So that is  
the Grandchildren are  
well enough to eat.  
No other news. The  
fall is here! The "Lily"  
Garden in the "Lily" garden.



1514 Central Ave., [Indianapolis],  
July 1st, '98.

My dear Mr. Blair,

Your last letter was but another of your kindnesses. Thank you for this, and all other kindness. I am very sorry about the change for Kate, but feel sure Mr. McChesney was no party to it. For two years she did not receive the salary she "signed for," but there seemed to be no help for it. Kate has many friends in Cal. - to some she is much attached, as yourself and Samuel Alexander. The climate there had been beneficial and the work congenial, but it is so far from home. When one has a daughter like Kate they should enjoy her oftener than once in 2 years. I thank you for your interest in this matter of her school change, and for the effort in writing the letters.

I thank you too, you and Mrs. Blair, for the freedom Kate feels in going to your home. You could do her no greater kindness than allowing her to take her friends there. We have just received Kate's first letters from the Islands. She is wild as to her views and surroundings - Nature and Humanity combine to make a paradise. What a shock the school racket will give her. Cuban affairs are tame to the war that goes on all the year round in our school board, though it is not politics that causes it.

I hear that you are coming East to see about the publishing of your book. Remember your promise that you would not come East without stopping at Indianapolis, and don't you dare stop anywhere but with the Graydons. We live in the same house where you have twice visited, but the streets and numbers have all been changed, pushed on - Central Ave. and 16th St., or 1514 Central Ave. Now put that on a card, and telegraph from Chicago. How distressingly tired you were when last here. Make us a visit next time.

We are all well. No change in Janet, but Mrs. Moores finds worlds of pleasure in Charles' baby. Sister Kate [Merrill] and Mine still bear the same relation, as substance and shadow. The grandchildren are sweet enough to eat. Mrs. Thomas Hendricks of Cal. is here. The "lily grandmother" still survives. Miss Eliza [Hendricks] grows thinner, but is as dominating as ever. The rest of that family are well.

Now come and see us and stay long. Bring the little girls! Again I thank you for your letter and for your friendship. With best wishes for you and yours,

Your friend,

Mary K[errill] Graydon